

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/803,242

Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 07/20/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-16.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. In response to the Office action mailed April 26, 2007, the Amendment has been received on June 20, 2007.

Claims 1 and 17-21 have been canceled.

Claims 2-4, 11-13 and 16 have been amended.

Claims 2-16 are currently pending in this application.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 2-16 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 5 is allowed because prior art fails to teach or make obvious a cooling system for components of a computer tomography system arranged in a gantry housing, comprising: an annular carrier ring being rotatable around a measurement space in the gantry housing; and at least one exhaust element mounted stationary and disposed in or on the gantry housing through which a compressed air flows onto the components passing the at least one exhaust element upon a rotation of the carrier ring as claimed in combination with all of the remaining limitations of the claim. Claims 2-4, 6-14 and 16 are allowable by virtue of their dependence.

Claim 15, prior art fails to teach or make obvious a cooling system for components of a computer tomography system arranged in a gantry housing,

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comprising: two coaxial bearings on two opposite sides on a stationary part of the computer tomography system by which the gantry housing is positioned around an axis, the cooling system being fashioned such that the heated air in a region of at least one of the bearings is guided out of the gantry housing in the stationary part as claimed in combination with all of the remaining limitations of the claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments, see pages 5 and 6, filed June 20, 2007, with respect to claims 2-4 and 16 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 2-4 and 16 has been withdrawn.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Zupancic et al. (US Patent 4,969,167) teaches a computer tomography cooling system and method.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Irakli Kiknadze whose telephone number is 571-272-2493. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ed Glick can be reached on 571-272-2490. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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